Since the white crosses painted on those houses visited with the plague are wiped away in a short space, red crosses are to be nailed upon the doors and a watch kept to prevent those within from going abroad

THE COLLECTION OF THE SUBSIDY

The High Sheriffs are appointed commissioners for the collections of the fifteenths and tenths voted for the Queen's use They are urged to choose men of sufficient worth for this work As for the Justices of the Peace, since by the statute none should be admitted unless they hold lands to the value of .£20 per annum, so is it expected that none of these shall be assessed at under this rate The commissioners themselves shall give a notable example in the taxation of themselves so that the rest which are able may be drawn the more willingly to assent to the larger taxation now laid on them

SPANISH SHIPS OFF THE BRITTANY COAST

From the Isle of Jersey it is reported that 30 ships of the enemy and 5 galleys have been seen on the coast of Brittany about Conquett Letters are therefore sent to Sir John Gilbert and Sir Francis Drake to warn the forces of the counties on the sea coast to be ready against any sudden incursion that might be made, and especially to take care for the defence of Plymouth now being begun to be fortified

BLUNDEVILLE'S * EXERCISES '

Master Blundevilk, His Exercises, is to be printed, being six treatises, the first, of Arithmetic, the second, of the first principles of Cosmography, the third, a plain and full description of the globes, both celestial and terrestrial, with certain tables for the better finding out of the true place of the sun and moon and of all the rest of the planets on the celestial globe; the fourth, a plain description of the universal

map of Petrus Plancms set forth in 1592 , the fifth, a plain description of Mr Blagrave's Astrolabe , the sixth, the first and cluefest principles of navigation, showing how the navigator should use his proper instruments and presage the movements of the celestial bodies

I4*£ *July* SIR THOMAS WILKES SENT TO THE FRENCH KING.

Because of the continual rumours that the French King is turned Catholic, Sir Thomas Wilkes is urgently despatched as a